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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1561

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SUBJ: NORTHERN CROSSING POINT

REFS: A) USBERLIN 1424; B) USBERLIN 1409

1. SUMMARY: SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS DIETRICH STOBBE (SPD) HAS REITERATED BERLIN SENAT WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT GDR PROPOSED NORTHERN CROSSING POINT IN FROHNAU. HE BELIEVES ADVANTAGES OF NEW BORDER CROSSING ARE SUFFICIENT TO OVERRULE OPPOSITION FROM FROHNAU RESIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SENATOR STOBBE RELEASED STATEMENT ON JULY 26 ARGUING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GDR'S PROPOSAL FOR NEW BORDER CROSSING AT ZERNDORFER WEG IN FROHNAU. HIS PLEA FOR NEW BORDER CROSSING IN FROHNAU COMES AT A TIME WHEN SENAT IS UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM LOCAL FROHNAU RESIDENTS WHO ARGUE THAT BORDER CROSSING AT ZERNDORFER WEG WILL CREATE SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEMS IN FROHNAU AND DESTROY ITS SEMI-RURAL, IDYLIC CHARACTER.

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3. SENATOR STOBBE STATED THAT ALL BERLINERS WOULD

WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHANCE TO EXPAND THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. HE SAID THAT NORTHERN CROSSING POINT WOULD MAKE TRAVEL TO POLAND AND SCANDANAVIA EASIER AND BRING ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO THE CITY. IN RESPONSE TO HEAVY FROHNAU COMPLAINTS, STOBBE STATED THAT TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE AS EXTENSIVE AS LOCAL RESIDENTS HAVE ALLEGED. STOBBE BLAMED MUCH OF LOCAL RESISTANCE TO BUILDING NEW BORDER CROSSING ON PARTISAN POLITICAL PRESSURE, I.E., ON THE CDU.

4. COMMENT: SENATOR STOBBE'S COMMENTS MAY BE PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO PUSH THROUGH NORTHERN CROSSING POINT PROPOSAL OVER OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN SPD, BUREAUCRACY AND LOCAL FROHNAU RESIDENTS CONCERNED WITH INCREASED TRAFFIC CONGESTION. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT STOBBE, IN AVOIDING SPECIFIC REJECTION OF FROHNAU CROSSING POINT, WHICH EAST GERMANS KNOW IS LESS THAN IDEAL, IS SEEKING TO KEEP DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR ON THIS TOPIC ALIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM HERZ THAT GAUS MET WITH SEIDEL ON JULY 21 TO DISCUSS NORTHERN CROSSING POINT; SENAT REGARDS THIS AS PLUS SINCE EAST GERMANS HAD BEEN DENYING FRG COMPETENCE IN MATTER. SEIDEL TOLD GAUS "CONFIDENTIALLY" THAT SOVIETS HAD BEEN PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF PROBLEMS ON SELECTING SITE FOR CROSSING POINT. END COMMENT.  
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